



FORMS AND RITUAL
OF THE
ROYAL BLUE ORDER,
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ROYAL BLUE LODGE.

- ¶ The Master and Brethren being assembled, and having taken their seats, the Test shall be put to them, beginning by the Secretary on the right, and the Treasurer on the left hand, each brother passing the Test till it reaches the last brother on each side ; when both brethren shall give their proof to the Deputy Master, (who shall rise, and say to the Master) Worshipful, all the brethren present are true members of the order.
- ¶ *The Test*, (division of the entrance password) should be put by a brother, duly qualified, appointed for that purpose to all members entering the room who are not known to be of the order ; having previously given the annual password to the Tyler outside of the door.
- ¶ The Master shall then read the following portions of Scripture, the members all standing, (strictly silent,) with the right hand crossing the breast, and clasping the left arm above the elbow, the left arm hanging down in an easy position.

“I shall see him but not now. I shall behold him but not nigh ; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall arise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the the children of Gath.”
—*Num.c.xxiv.v.17.* **“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying. Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them, that they make fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they**

put upon the fringe of the border, a ribband of **Blue**. That ye may remember and do all my commndments, and be holy unto your God. I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God, I am the Lord your God."

¶ Then shall the Chaplain, or Master, read the following prayer.

"Lord of thy mercy be pleased to protect us, and vouchsafe unto us a full manifestation of thy **Grace**, by renewing in us, our hearts and lives! Teach us to love and dread thee alone, and make not our hearts afraid of our enemies; Render us worthy to inherit thy **Kingdom of Heaven**, as thy true and faithful servants and followers. Teach us to watch and prepare for the coming of the day of judgement, so that we may worthily enter into thy **Kingdom**, as stars of **Glory** in the **House of Israel**: all of which we beg, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ**.—
Amen.

¶ The Master shall then say :—

I declare this Royal Blue Lodge duly opened ; enjoining on all Brethren, a strict observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Blue order of the Orange Institution.

¶ The Members then resume their seats, and the business of the Lodge shall proceed in its appointed order.

¶ Directions to Tylers.

RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

¶ The preparation of the Candidate is to take place in a Room outside, and as follows :—He is to be stripped of his coat and vest, and his left arm bared to the shoulder, and a blue ribbon tied round that arm above the elbow.—All being ready, the candidate shall be led to the Lodge-room door, when a sudden alarm shall be made by the Sponsors and they shall knock.

MASTER.—*What alarm is there, what strangers are at our gates ?*

TYLER.— (Opening the door and communicating with those without) asks—What strangers are there ?

SPONSORS.—*Travellers from the East hither lead, by a strange appearance in the Heavens, and ask admission here, that the mystery may be explained to them.*

TYLER.— (Repeats this announcement to the Master.)

MASTER.—*If they have their guides and sureties, let them enter.*

¶ The door is then opened, and the candidate (having the Bible in his hand) shall be introduced between his two sponsors, each bearing in his hand, an orange rod, decorated with blue ribbon, and one carrying also, the Blue Book of the Lodge, with the Obligation thereon and open, and the other an Inkstand. He shall then be conducted to the side of the room, and then east towards the Deputy Master, before whom shall be burning one *bright* light ; and before the Master there shall be placed eleven candles, (in a semi

circle) and also one candle placed in the centre of the circle. The eleven candles are not to be lighted till the candidate has reached the Deputy Master, the one in the centre is not to be lighted.

¶ The Chaplain, or Master shall then proceed as follows:—

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his Star in the East, and are come to worship him. And lo the star which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the Star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.—*Matthew, ch. ii., v. 1, 2, 9, 10, 11.*

¶ Here the Candidate pays his Initiation Fee.

¶ The Candidate shall then subscribe his name in the Lodge Book, the Deputy Master saying to him.

“Thou hast inscribed thy name amongst the faithful, go and prove thy faith still farther.”

¶ The Candidate shall then be led to the left side of the Master :

MASTER.—*What carry ye in your hands?*

SPONSORS.—*Emblems of the mysteries, about to be communicated to this our friend.*

MASTER.—*Do you believe that he has strictly conformed to the Rules and Regulations of the orders he has heretofore received in our Association?*

SPONSORS.—*We do.*

MASTER.—

(Addressing the Candidate.)

Friend, what is your desire?

CANDIDATE.—*My desire and humble petition is to be advanced to the degree of Royal Blue.*

MASTER.—*Friend kneel down.*

¶ The Candidate kneels, his hands on the Bible.) The Chaplain, or Master, shall say,

Let us Pray.

¶ All kneeling.

“O Lord God, judge of the World, and who hath commanded that creation should come forth to judgement, We entreat thee send us life, grace, and pardon, with hope in prayer, ere riseth the morning Star in all his glory. Thou, O Lord, holdest forth the lamp of righteousness for good to mankind, and to thy honour and

glory nations are made righteous,—
 Thou inscribest our good deeds in the
Book of Life, and thy mercy is shewn
 forth in our lives. As the morning
 star bringeth joy to the awakening
 world, so thou, **O Lord**, by thy Son,
 our Redeemer, awakened in the souls
 of thy servants joy and everlasting
 life.—*Amen.*

¶ The Candidate is then sworn.

ROYAL BLUE OBLIGATION.

*I, A. B., do solemnly and voluntarily swear,
 that I will never disclose, either in whole or in
 part, the signs, mysteries or symbols of the order
 of the Royal Blue, except I shall be duly autho-
 rised to communicate them, by the proper autho-
 rities of this institution. So help me God.*

¶ Here invest the Candidate with the emblems.

¶ The Candidate shall then rise up, and the Chaplain or Master
 shall read :

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for
 he is good, for his mercy endureth for
 ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord
 say so, whom he hath redeemed from
 the hand of the enemy ; and gather
 them out of the lands from the East,
 and from the West, from the North,
 and from the South.”—*Psal.* 107.

“I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates
oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem is builded
as a city, that is compact together.”
—*Psal.* 122.

“Behold bless ye the Lord, all ye
servants of the Lord, which by night
stand in the house of the Lord. Lift
up your hands in the sanctuary, and
bless the Lord. The Lord that made
Heaven and Earth, bless thee out of
Sion.”—*Psa.* 134.

¶ The Signs Passwords, and Mysteries of the order shall then
be communicated, and the Chaplain, or Master, shall say :

“Moreover the Lord spake again
unto Ahaz, saying, ask thee a sign of
the Lord thy God, ask it either in the
depth, or in the height above. But
Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will
I tempt the Lord. And he said,
hear ye now O House of David ; Is
it a small thing for you to weary men,
but will ye weary my God also ?—
Therefore, the Lord himself shall give
you a sign ; Behold a virgin shall

conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name *Immanuel*.”—*Isaiah*, c. vii, v. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

“God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy : for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God ; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”—*Ps.* 67.

The Initiation Fee in this Order is not to be less than Three Shillings and Nine Pence, and not to exceed Five Shillings.

¶ To be closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on Earth ; as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*